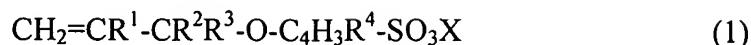


In the Claims:

1. (original) An article comprising a skin formed from a water soluble resin, wherein the resin comprises a water-soluble polymer and a water-soluble filler.
2. (currently amended) An article ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ wherein the water soluble polymer preferably comprises 20-90wt% of the resin, ~~more preferably from 25-85wt%, more preferably from 30-80wt%, more preferably from 35-80wt% more preferably from 40-80wt%, more preferably from 45-80wt% and most preferably from 50-80wt%.~~
3. (currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in claim 1 or 2~~ wherein the water soluble polymer comprises a film forming polymer.
4. (currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the water soluble polymer comprises a polymer selected from: polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, partially hydrolysed polyvinyl acetate, polyvinyl acetate, a cellulose polymer, ~~polymer (such as a cellulose ether e.g. hydroxypropyl cellulose); a copolymer / a derivative thereof~~ as well as copolymers containing said polymers, derivatives of said polymers, or a mixture thereof.
5. (currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the water soluble polymer comprises a polymeric polycarboxylic acid, a polycarboxylate or a salt thereof.
6. (currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the water soluble polymer comprises a sulphonated polymer.
7. (currently amended) An article according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 6, wherein the sulphonated polymer is based upon the monomer of Formula (1):



wherein  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$  are independently 1 to 6 carbon alkyl or hydrogen, and X is hydrogen or alkali; homopolymerised or copolymerised with one or more of acrylic, fumaric, maleic, itaconic, aconitic, mesaconic, citraconic and methylenemalononic acids or their salts, maleic anhydride, acrylamide, alkylene, vinylmethyl ether, styrene or a mixture thereof.

8.(currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the water soluble polymer comprises a polyamine.

9.(currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the water soluble filler comprises at least 10wt% of the resin composition; ~~more preferably at least 15wt%, more preferably at least 20wt%, more preferably at least 30wt%, more preferably at least 40wt% and most preferably at least 50wt%.~~

10.(currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein the water soluble filler comprises a carbohydrate.

11.(currently amended) An article according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 10, wherein the carbohydrate comprises glucose, dextrose, fructose, lactose, sucrose, maltose, a dextrin, a sugar alcohol, a water soluble starch derivative, a water soluble cellulose material or a mixture thereof.

12. (currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein the water soluble filler comprises an ionic sulphate salt.

13. (currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein the water soluble filler comprises an ionic silicate.

14. (currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein the water soluble filler comprises an oligomeric phosphate.

15. (currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 14~~, wherein the water soluble filler has a detergent function.

16. (currently amended) An article according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 15, wherein the filler comprises a builder and/or a surfactant.

17. (currently amended) An article according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 16~~, wherein the resin includes a lubricant ~~and/~~ or a plasticiser.

18. (currently amended) An article comprising a skin formed from a water soluble resin and a detergent composition, wherein the resin is in accordance claim 1 ~~with any one of claims 1 to 17~~.

19. (currently amended) A method of producing an article having a water-soluble or water dispersible skin, wherein the skin is formed in an injection moulding process using a water soluble resin in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 18~~.